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SUBJECT: PRIMIN MANLEY'S CAMPAIGN KICK OFF SPEECH
1. SUMMARY: AT A PUBLIC RALLY TO MARK THE END OF THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY 2 DAY ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN MONTEGO BAY, PRIMIN MICHAEL MANLEY GAVE A 2 HOUR CAPAMIGN SPEECH AT THE END OF WHICH HE ANNOUNED ELECTIONS FOR OCTOBER 30. NOTHING HE SAID WAS ESPICIALLY NEW OR STARTING. HE DEFENDED THE POLICES OF HIS 8 YEAR ADMINISTRATION, BLAMED FAILURES ON INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL FORCES, DENIGRATED THE JLP ANL PLEDGED TO CONTUINE THE FIGHT FOR DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM IN JAMAICAN AND FOR THIRD WORLD CAUSES. END SUMMARY.
2. BFFORE A LARGE AND ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD OF PNP SUPPORTERS AT SAM SHARPE SQUARE, MONTEGO BAY, ON OCTOBER 5TH PRIMIN MCIAHEL MANLEY DELIVERED A TWO HOUR SPEECH, THE RALLY WAS OSTENSIBLY HELD AS THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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PECPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY ANNUAL CONFERNCE, BUT IT HAD ALL THE EARMARKS OF A CAMPAIGN SEND OFF. FOR MOST JAMAICANS THE MOST INTERESTING PART OF THE SPEECH CAME AT THE END. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTIONS FOR OCTOBER 30, WITH NOMINATION DAY SET FOR OCTOBER 14.
3. BEFORE MAKING THE LONG AWAITED ANNONCEMENT, MANLEY REVIEWED THE 8 YEARS OF PNP GOVERNMENT AND COMPATED IT FAVORABLY WITH THAT OF THE JLP GOVERNMENT OF 1962-72 HE CLAIMED THE PNP WAS RESPONSIBLE FORM 1972 TO 1977 FOR SIX" REVOLUTION THAT CHANGED CONDITIONS OF FXIST ENCE" IN JAMAICA. AMONG THE REVOLUTIONARY ACTS WERE IMPROVEMENT IN SOCIETY THROUGH ADULT LITERACY PROGRAMS PROTECTION OF CHILDREN'S AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS, AND ENACT MENT OF LABOR RELATIONS LAWS. IN THE ECONOMIC LIFE OF JAMAICA TLROUGH LAND REFORM AND MORE CONTROL OF NATURAL
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RESOURCES(I.E. INCREASSED BUAXITE LEVY). IN POLITICS BY ENDING THE RULE OF THE BANK BY THE FEW, AND IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS BY ALIGNING JAMAICA WITH THE THIRD WORLD AND SUPPORTING THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.

4. HE SCOFFED AT JLP CLAIMS OF BETTER MANAGEMENT DURING 1962-72 AND POINTED OUT THAT WORLD ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AT THAT TIME WERE SO GOOD THAT SUCCESS WAS VIRTUALLY INEVITABLE FOR THE JLP. HE ADDED THAT THE JLP HAD BUILT SCHOOLS, BUT PROVIDED NO JOBS FOR THE GRADUTES HAD BUIIT HIGHRISE HOTELS, AND OFFICE BUILDINGS BUT NO HOMES FOR THE WORKERS, AND HAD BANNED BOOKS AND LIFTED PASSPORTS, INDICATING THE JLP PRIORITIES DID NOT INCLUDE THE PEOPLE.

5. WORLD CONDITIONS DURING THE PNP'S TENURE HAD BEEN CATASTROPHIC AND JAMAICA HAD BEEN CAUGHT UP IN THE

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"CRISES IN THE WESTERN CAPITALIST SYSTEM". "INTERNAL SABOTAGE HAD ADDED TO JAMAICA'S ECONOMIC BURDEN. 1977 TO 1980, HE CONTENDED, HAD BEEN A "TIME OF CRISIS AND COUNTERREVOLUTION". THE COUNTER REVOLUTIONARIES WERE IDENTIFIED AS THOSE WHO TOK MONEY OUT OF THE COUNTRY. NEWSPAPER THAT LIED AND CONFUSED PEOPLE (READ DAILY GLEANER) PERPETRATORS OF VIOLENCE HOARDER AND UNCOOPERATIVE CIVIL SERVANTS. THE PNP HE SAID, HAD TRIED TO CORRECT THE PROBLEMS HAD TRIED FOR WO YEARS TO "DEAL WITH THE IMF TO BENEFIT JAMAICA", BUT IN THE END DECIDED NOW IT COULD NOT ENDURE IMF POLICIES FOR SMALL DEVELOPING COUNTRES. "WE DECIDED THE IMF AS IT NOW OPERATES HAS NO PLACE IN OUR FUTURE".

6. TURNING TO THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE ELECTORAL REFORM HAD BEEN UNDERTAKNE AND NO ONE COULD NOW CHARGE THAT THE ELECTION WOULD BE BOGUS. HE SAID THAT THE CHARGE OF FRAUDULENT ELECTIONS IN THE PAST (I.E. 1976) MAINLY BY "THAT RAG" (AGAIN READ THE GLEANER) HAD BEEN UNFOUNDED. HE TOLD HIS AUDIENCE THAT THIS ELECTION WAS OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE IN DETERMING THE FUTRUE OF JAMAICA, PROVIDING A CLEAR CHOICE BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC POLICIES OF THE TWO PARTIES. THE JLP HE SAID, THINKS "THOSE WITH MONEY RUN THE WORLD. BE A GOOD BOY AND HOPE TO GET THE MONEY, WE TRIED THIS AND IT FAILED". THE PNP, HE SAID WAS NOT FOR SALE, BUT SUPPORTED JUST CAUSES THAT PUT THE PEOPLE FIRST, BOTH AT HOME AND ABOARD. THE JLP POLICY, HE PREDICTED WAS TO PUT "BUSINESS FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD AND BENEFITED ONLY A FEW. THE PNP WAS FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR, HE SAID, BUT WOULD NOT LET IT RUN THE COUNTRY. THE JLP'S FOREIGN POLICY WOULD MAKE JMAICA ONCE MORE " THE HOUSE SLAVE OF THE WESTERN SYSTEM" NO POWER INSIDE JAMAICA,

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ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD NOW WILL TURN BACK THE
BUILDING OF SOCIALISM IN JAMAICA.
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7. MANLEY NEXT CONFRONTED CHARGES BY THE JLP THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD MISMANAGED THE ECONOMY, WAS COMMUNIST COULD NOT GET THE FINANCING NEEDED TO KEEP THE COUNTRY RUNNING AND WOULD LOSE THE ELECTION. HE ASKED IF THE 40,000 HOMES BUILT SINCE 1972 THE 200,000 PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED ADULT LITERACY PROGRAMS, THE INCREASED BAUXITE LEVY, THE AID SECURED FROM LIBYA AND ALGERIA REPRESENTED MISMANAGEMENT, AND THE CROWD ROARED BACK NO. CLAIMING "WE ARE NOT COMMUNISTS" MANLEY ATTACKED THE JLP AS "PUNCH OF NEC FASCIST ELITISTS HE ARGUED THAT THE PNP HAD GOOD RELATIONS WITH COMMUNISTS NATIONAL IN MANY CASES BECAUSE IT AGREED WITH THEIR POSITION IN THOSE INSTANCES WHEN THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD BENEFITED. HE ADDED THAT "WE RESPECT ALL COUNTRIES THAT RESPECT US, AND NO ONE CAN MAKE US TAKE PART IN ANTI COMMUNIST HYSTERIA.
8. ON THE QUESTION OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE, MANLEY SAID
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THAT " THIS MOTLEY NEO COLONOLIS GROUP (JLP) CLAIMS IT WILL GET MONEY) WHAT HAVE THEY PROMISED FOR THIS MONEY? HE SEAGA SAYS HE WILL BRING BACK THE IMF DO YOU WANT IT? AGAIN THECROWD ROARD "NO" AS TO CARL STONE'S POLL SHOWING A JLP VICOTRY HE SAID THE ANSWER TO THAT WAS IN THE SIZE OF THE CROWD IN FRONT OF HIM.
9. FOR THE FUTURE, MANLEY ENVISIONED A REFINANCING OF JAMAICA'S DEBT OVER SEVERAL YEARS, TO PROVIDE A BREATHING SPACE. INCREASED ALUMINA PRODUCTION WAS PLANNED WITH A NEW SOUTH MANCHESTER PLANT OF 600,000 TONS COSTING US $500 MILLION. HUMGARY WAS TO SELL THE EQUIPMENT AND KAISER ENGINEERING THE KNOW HOW. ALGERIA PLANS TO PARTICIPANT IN THIS FOR A 25 PERCENT

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EQUITY OF $40 MILLION AND TAKE 150,000 TONS. MEXICO PLANNED TO PURCHASE 400,000 TONS OF ALUMINA, AND THE USSR AGREED TO BUY 250,000 TONS A YEAR. ALCOA, NORWAY AND JAAICA WERE TO DOUBLE THF CAPACITY OF THE SOUTH CLARENDON ALUMINA PLANT. ALPART WAS INVESTING U.S. $150 MILLION TO RAISE THE PUTPUT OF ITS ALUMINA PLANT TO 1.3 MILLION TONS.

10. TO EXPAND TOURISM, HE SAID HE WOULD GO TO NORTH AMERICAN HIMSELF TO DRUM UP BUSINESS, AND PLEDGED THAT FOREIGN INVESTMENT WAS WELCOME IN JAMAICA AS LONG AS IT WAS CONSISTENT WITH THE INTERESTS OF THE JAMAICAN PEOPLE.

11. FINALLY ANLEY CALLED FOR AN END TO THE TRIBALISM". THAT HAD PLAGUED JAMAICAN POLITICS, VOWING THAT HE WOULD CALL ON ALL JLP ANL PNP SUPPORTERS AFTER THE ELECTION TO UNITE FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

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AND TO CONDEMN THOSE WHO MANIPULATED VIOLENCE FOR THEIR OWN END. HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE LOYAL SECURITY FORCES. SAYING HE HOPED TO PUT THE "MERCENARIES UNDER MANNERS (I.E. STRICT CONTROL) AND MAKE THEM OUTLAWS" HE CALLED FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE HOME GUARDS.

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